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Pets.tv Episode #508B

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For the Love of ... Animals

Participants: **Debbie Carpenter – Western Spirit Ranch** 

Alan Mootnik - Gibbon Conservation Center

Aimee Gilbreath - Adopt & Shop

General Synopsis for Episode #508B

In this Pets.tv episode, For the Love of ... Animals, the audience meets 3 passionate animal lovers who are lucky to work with animals they love. Debbie Carpenter is the owner of the nonprofit Western Spirit Ranch in Colorado, a refuge for 40 abused animals. Debbie states, "I get to love the animals that weren't loved." She builds a trusting relationship and rehabilitates the horses, mules and alpacas before finding good homes the animals. Executive Director Alan Mootnik of the **Gibbon Conservation Center** in the Santa Clarita Valley shares that the center is home to the largest group of rare apes in the western hemisphere. It has 43 gibbons representing 5 of 17 species. Viewers learn informative facts about the acrobatic tree dwelling apes. The nonprofit center is open to the public to introduce and educate people about protecting and ensuring a safe future for gibbons. The audience meets Aimee Gilbreath of **Adopt & Shop**, a pet adoption center and pet boutique. The store was created by the nonprofit organization Found Animals to help adopt animals from shelters to avoid them being euthanized. South East Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) partners with Adopt & Shop by providing animals that have been spayed, neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped.

## Observation and Conclusion

Episode #508B young viewers are exposed to specific knowledge and background information about the animals in this show and the professionals who work with them. This will inspire and encourage them to follow their passion. This episode of <a href="Pets.tv">Pets.tv</a> delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,

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